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SUBJECT: (Optional) Establishment of a Government Printing Office Bookstore
in the new Headquarters Building

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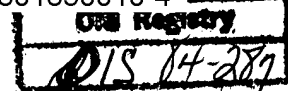
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One of our employees makes a good case for a GPO Bookstore in the new building. Ben and I believe it is worth considering.

see OL 2089-84 for response



11 June 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Information Services

VIA: Chief, Regulations Control Division
Deputy Director of Information ServicesFROM:
Regulations Control DivisionSUBJECT: Establishment of a Government Printing Office Bookstore
in the new Headquarters Building

1. On May 17, at the recent OIS conference of OL's New Building Project Office, gave an update on plans for the new building. His presentation included a discussion of utilizing the "public area" of the new building with such facilities as the credit union, EEA store, and a day care center. During the question period, I asked him if any consideration had been given to allotting space for the establishment of a Government Printing Office (GPO) bookstore. Somewhat taken aback by a question he had apparently never been asked before, he replied in the negative. When I asked him why not, he said that every facility so far designated for the public area had been the result of a lobbying effort by Agency employees. If I wanted one, therefore, I should launch a lobbying effort of my own. After the presentation, I received a number of favorable comments concerning the idea from my OIS compeers. I therefore decided to see if the question could be raised officially. At the suggestion of Chief/RCD, I prepared this memorandum to set forth my belief that the establishment of a GPO bookstore in the new building is an idea of considerable merit for benefitting Agency employees.

2. As you know, the GPO is the distributor for most of the publications originated for public consumption by Government agencies (including the CIA). I can testify from personal experience as a longtime patron of the GPO that the variety of publications available is impressive. For persons of an intellectual bent, there are publications concerning history, government, economics, international relations, military affairs, and science. For those of a "practical" turn of mind, there are "how to" books on subjects ranging from winterizing houses to small boat safety. Also available are reference books, magazines, and art prints. The quality of these publications is uniformly high and sales are often brisk. In fact, the GPO publishes its own "best seller list" of items selling in numbers equal to the ones found on such lists for commercially published books.

3. At present, there are GPO bookstores in the Pentagon and the main State Department building. With the incorporation of a GPO bookstore in the new building, many CIA employees will become familiar with the publications sold by the GPO and benefit accordingly. Thousands of employees from the headquarters area concentrated in the two headquarters buildings would provide ample clientele. Moreover, the high

quality of Agency personnel and the wide diversity of their interests would create a ready market for the variety of publications that are available. No security problems need be anticipated. GPO employees staffing such a bookstore could be admitted under the same conditions as the barbers and GSI personnel. Nor would a GPO bookstore duplicate the acquisition function of OCR. That component acquires publications specifically related to an employee's official duties. A GPO bookstore would cater to the personal interests and needs of each patron. If these interests and needs are work related, the agency will benefit directly with a better informed and qualified employee; if not specifically work related, the satisfaction of an employee's needs and interests will still benefit the Agency indirectly by increasing employee happiness.

4. John F. Kennedy once observed about the CIA that there was more talent under the roof at Langley than there was anywhere else in the Federal government. For that reason, if for no other, I would be most surprised if the inclusion of a GPO bookstore in the new building did not turn out to be beneficial. That is why I offer this suggestion for serious consideration by Agency management.

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